GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AIR SERVICES FROM KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of airports under Airports Authority of India in Karnataka;

(b) the number of airports which are proposed to be upgraded to international level and the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to provide air services from Karnataka to other parts of the Country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) There are five airports (including civil enclave) in the State of Karanataka belonging to Airports Authority of India (AAI).

(b) Mangalore Airport has been upgraded with required facilities and declared as customs airport w.e.f. 3.5.2007 for operation of international flights.

(c) & (d) The Government have laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the needs of different regions of the country including North-East region. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by Government.